generation from one block (of a total of 3 blocks) is likely to commence by July, 2006 and all three blocks are likely to be declared commercial thereafter by November, 2006. Schemes aggregating to 2,194 MW are likely to be commissioned in Maharashtra during Tenth Plan in State and Private Sectors. In addition, the State of Maharashtra will also get its entitled share from central sector projects which are being set up in this region. With these efforts, the gap between demand and supply is likely to get reduced.

Installation of electronic meter with sensor technology

2377. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronic meter with sensor technology installed forcibly by BSES and NDPL in Delhi records consumption of power 150 times more than the normal pulse if there is a faulty wiring on the premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has laid down standards for providing separate service cable for individual connections;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not following the same;

(e) the types of power meter approved by BIS; and

(f) whether it is mandatory to have electronic meter with sensor technology and if not, reasons for installing such meters forcibly by BSES and NDPL?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the electronic meters installed by discoms are accurate and record consumption correctly;

(b) In view of above the question does not arise;

(c) to (e) Three Indian standards on energy meters covering both electro-mechanical and electronic meters has been published by BIS namely:

(i) IS 13010:2002-ac Watt hour meters class 0.5, 1 and 2-Specification;

(ii) IS 13779:1999-ac-static watt hour meters class 1 and class Specification; and

(iii) IS 14697:1999-ac Static Transformers operated watt hour meter and Var-hour meters class 0.25 and 0.5 Specification.

As per the Indian Standards for electronic meter (IS13779-1999 ac static watt hour meters) when a number of meter are connected to a single distributing mains for registering electricity supplied to different consumers loads, separate service lines - phase(s) and neutral shall be used for each meter.

It is responsibility of all concerned including licensee, consumer and concerned regulatory commission to follow the same.

(f) Regulations 17(H) of DERC (Performance Standards - Metering and Billing) Regulations, 2002 provides as follows:

> "(ii) In case of new connection/replacement of meter, the consumer, in accordance with Section 26 of the Electricity Act, may himself procure the meter either from the vendors certified by the licensee, or conforming to licensee's technical specifications. The licensee shall calibrate such meter at consumer's cost and seal the meter, Alternatively, consumer may choose to pay the full cost of the meter provided by the licensee. No meter rent shall be chargeable in such cases".

Distribution Companies have adopted IS 13779 specification for consumer metering.

International bidding for lower tariffs

2378. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to allow power generation and distribution only through competitive global bidding to ensure lower tariffs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and